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## CFS 46 Delegate Statement

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**Mr. Chairperson**

Distinguished delegates,

Egypt is honored to deliver this statement of behalf of Near East Group and we would like to highlight the following points:

The Near East Group welcomes CFS MYPoW 2020-2023 in line with the implementation report of CFS evaluation and as it was prepared through a wide process led by the CFS Bureau in collaboration with the Advisory Group, and with participation of interested CFS stakeholders.

The Near East group believes that the proposed MYPoW is too ambitious in relation to available resources. Consequently, we would like to stress on the need for a flexible approach in implementation of MYPoW to give us a room to review due to available funding and in case the resource mobilization did not meet our expectations.

Similarly, The Near East Group requests CFS to identify its strategic priorities in the next four years in a way to get concrete outcomes that are badly needed nowadays to address the downturn in the fight against hunger at country level. The group also looks forward to uptake a policy document on water and climate change and its impacts on food security and nutrition as water scarcity and climate change variability is a major challenge in the Near East and North Africa region.

The Group recommends to promote synergies and increase communication between CFS and the High-Level Panel of Experts "HLPE" to ensure its activities are relevant with the workstreams of CFS and to contribute to its core objectives and avoid any kind of duplication of work between them.

Moreover, the Near East Group looks forward towards the implementation of the 12 outputs of the 3 strategic objectives (platform, policy and update) of the MYPoW with the view to tackling the root causes of poverty, inequality and unhealthy diets as well as combating the negative impact of climate change, halting desertification and degradation of soil and tackling the technical, social and economic issues related to water scarcity. These are core challenges that the countries of the Near East and North Africa face today in addressing food insecurity and nutrition in all its forms.

In conclusion, the Near East Group supports CFS to play an active role in preparation for Food Systems Summit in 2021 as a key platform to fight hunger and achieve food security and nutrition,

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together with Member states to support governments to meet their national needs by ending hunger and ensure nutritious and healthy Food to its citizens by 2030.

With these comments Mr. Chairperson, the Near East Group supports CFS MYPoW for 2020-2023.

Thank you.